

CALIFORNIA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATORY LANGUAGE
Title 16, Division 39, California Code of Regulations

The Board has illustrated changes to the original text in the following manner: regulation language originally proposed is underlined; deletions from the language originally proposed are shown in strikeout; and additions to the language originally proposed are double-underlined.

Article 6. Advanced Practice

§ 4152.1. Use of Topical Medications

(a) An occupational therapist who is approved by the Board to perform advanced practices in physical agent modalities may administer topical medications to a patient ~~directly or via iontophoresis and or phonophoresis.~~

(b) As used in this article section, "topical medications" means medications ~~for use with iontophoresis or phonophoresis~~ applied locally to the skin or underlying tissue where such medications require a prescription or order under federal or state law. The following medications are applicable to the practice of occupational therapy and may be used by an occupational therapist:

(1) Bacteriocidal agents;

(2) Debriding agents;

(3) Topical anesthetic agents;

(4) Anti-inflammatory agents;

(5) Antispasmodic agents; and

(6) Adrenocortico-steroids.

(c) ~~Topical medications administered via iontophoresis or phonophoresis shall be applied or administered by an occupational therapist in accordance with this section.~~ An occupational therapist shall apply or administer topical medications in accordance with this subsection.

(1) Any topical medication ~~applied or administered via iontophoresis or phonophoresis~~ shall be ~~ordered~~ have been ordered on a specific or standing basis by a practitioner legally authorized to order or prescribe such medication pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2571(a).

(2) ~~An occupational therapists shall follow ~~W~~written protocols in applying or administering topical medications shall be prepared for the administration or application of medications utilized for iontophoresis or phonophoresis for which a prescription is required under federal or state law, which shall include a description of the medication, its actions, its indications and contraindications, and the proper procedure and technique for the application or administration of medication.~~ The protocols shall

(A) Be prepared by the facility within which the topical medications are being applied or administered;

(B) Be approved by the medical director or equivalent of the facility;

(C) Include a description of each medication, its actions, its indications and contraindications, and the proper procedure and technique for application;

(D) Require that the administration be consistent with the manufacturer's guidelines for any equipment to be used in the administration of the topical medication; and

(E) Be based on research and evidence-based practice, pharmaceutical standards of practice and known desired outcomes.

(3) Supervision of the ~~application or administration~~ of topical medications by an occupational therapy assistant ~~therapist~~ under this section shall be in accordance with Article 9.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 163.5 and 2570.20, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 2571, Business and Professions Code.